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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

I.

GENERAL SMITH TO GENERAL SHERMAN.

IN your July edition there is to be found a letter from General Sherman to President Johnson, in which this expression is used: "I have been with Grant . . . in Chattanooga when the soldiers were stealing the corn of the starving mules to satisfy their own hunger," etc.

As the assertion involves a historical question of some importance, may I ask of General Sherman, through your columns, as to the date of his visit to Chattanooga when such scenes were taking place?

WM. FARRAR SMITH.

II.

DR. DEXTER ON ARTHUR RICHMOND.

"Arthur Richmond," in your July number, sought, by a single quotation from the journal which I edit, to convict me of inconsistency in having never objected to the teaching of former professors in the Seminary at Andover, while disapproving that of those now in office there.

I am sorry that, having read the "Congregationalist" so assiduously, he has read it to so little purpose as to overlook the explanation, many times given therein, of the precise point which he raises.

We wage no factious war with anybody. We are quite willing to give the largest liberty of the Andover Creed to its professors. That largest liberty they themselves have defined in their letter, published 12 April, 1882, in our columns, in which they said: "We accept fully, sincerely, heartily, the system of truth defined in this creed *in its opposition to the errors which are specified.*"

That is to say, so long as the professors at Andover so believe, interpret, apply, and teach its creed *that their influence makes against the long list of misbelievers and misbeliefs, which that symbol enumerates*—ending with "Unitarians and Universalists, and all heresies and errors, ancient or modern, which may be opposed to the Gospel of Christ, or hazardous to the souls of men—" we raise no objection to them or their work, even though we may differ with some of their views, and possibly regard them as infelicitous or even of doubtful tendency.

Now, in point of fact—whatever their philosophical speculations—we never had the slightest reason to suspect Professors Park or Phelps, or any former professor, of holding or teaching anything which tended in any unevangelical direction; and, therefore, whether fully agreeing with them or not, we never made objection to their work.

It is because the case is wholly different with the present incumbents, who seem to have taken pains to thrust that fact into the face of the Christian